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THE Objects of this Society are: To assist its members in acquiring knowledge in regard to Numismatics; to cultivate a feeling of friendship among collectors, and to enable them to affiliate with collectors of similar societies in America and Foreign Countries; and the formation of a Cabinet and Library of Numismatic Literature for the use of its members.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

SECTION 1. This organization shall be known as the American Numismatic Association.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

SECTION 1. The object for which this Association is formed is the encouragement of the collection and preservation of Coins, Medals, Tokens and articles used by Governments and private individuals as money, and the consideration of Numismatics in all its relations.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. The membership of this Association shall be divided into two classes: Active and Honorary.

SEC. 2. The first class shall constitute the governing body of this Association, from which all officers must be chosen. Officers must be residents of the United States or Canada.

SEC. 3. The second class shall comprise those

persons who are considered deserving of the distinctive title of Honorary.

SEC. 4. All applications for membership shall be in writing, addressed to the Secretary, with the initiation fee of fifty cents, and accompanied with the following form signed by two members of the Association.

SEC. 5. *Form of Application.* I herewith make application for membership in the American Numismatic Association, subject to the Constitution and By-Laws of said Association.

Recommended by.....*and*.....

Name.....

Address.....

Age.....

Date.....*189*.....

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SEC. 6. If no objections are received within 30 days from date of publication of the applicant's name in the official journal, the Secretary shall issue a certificate of membership duly signed by the President.

SEC. 7. The Board of Trustees shall receive all objections through the Secretary, and shall accept or reject the application, and shall notify the Secretary of their decision.

SEC. 8. A rejected candidate shall not be again considered for a period of six months.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The elective officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian and Curator, Superintendent of Exchange, Counterfeit Detector, and a Board of Trustees, whose terms of office shall expire when their successors are elected.

SEC. 2. The elective officers shall constitute the Official Board.

SEC. 3. In case of a vacancy of any office, the Official Board shall appoint a member in good standing to serve for the remainder of the term.

SEC. 4. Whenever ten members of the Association shall prefer charges against any officer for dereliction of official duty or violation of the Constitution, he shall be tried for impeachment by a court composed of one of the Trustees acting *ex-officio* as presiding officer, and five members chosen from the Association by the official board. The finding of

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such court shall be binding upon both the Association and officers tried.

SEC. 5. All officers to be elected yearly, and such election shall be by ballots, provided by the Secretary, and cast in person or by proxy at the convention of the Association.

SEC. 6. All candidates' names must be published in the Official Journal at least 30 days previous to election.

SEC. 7. Each convention shall provide for the place and date of the succeeding one.

ARTICLE V.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, and shall sign all warrants and certificates of membership.

SEC. 2. In the event of death, absence or incapacitation of the President to perform his duties, the Vice-President shall act in his stead.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and records of all business transacted for and by the Association; draw and countersign all orders, directed by the Trustees, and issue certificates of membership.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall give a bond, satisfactory to the Trustees, for two hundred dollars, or

as much more as they shall demand, and shall receive and keep in trust all money received, until withdrawn by warrants, or delivered to his successor.

SEC. 5. The Librarian and Curator shall keep in trust for the Association such articles as may be purchased by or donated to the Association.

SEC. 6. The Superintendent of Exchange shall conduct the exchange business of the Association subject to the provisions laid down in the By-Laws. He shall execute a bond. for five hundred dollars, satisfactory to the Trustees, or for as much more as they shall demand.

SEC. 7. The Counterfeit Detector shall pass upon the genuineness of all coins, medals and tokens.

SEC. 8. The Trustees shall perform such duties as are required by the Constitution and By-Laws.

SEC. 9. All officers and committees shall, at each annual convention, present written reports, which shall be published in the Official Journal.

SEC. 10. All officers shall, at the expiration of their terms of office, deliver to their successors all books, papers, money and other property in their possession belonging to the Association, and they shall not be relieved of their bond or obligation until this requirement is complied with.

ARTICLE VI.—Finance.

Section 1. The revenue of this Association shall be derived from dues and fines of members, and surplus from the different departments, as provided by the By-Laws.

Sec. 2. The revenues shall be used only for defraying the expenses of the Association.

ARTICLE VII.—Branch Associations.

Section 1. The establishment of branch Associations shall be encouraged in every location containing five or more members of this Association, and shall be subject to the provision therefor laid down in the By-Laws.

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ARTICLE VIII.—Amendments.

Section 1. The Constitution and By-Laws shall be altered or amended only by the consent of two-thirds of the members of the Association voting upon such alteration or amendment, the vote to be by ballot under the direction of the Trustees, or in convention; but no vote shall be taken unless notice of such proposed alteration or amendment has been published in the Official Journal, at least 60 days prior thereto.

BY-LAWS.

I.—DUES.

The dues shall be one dollar per annum, payable to the Treasurer in advance, on the first day of October of each year; members admitted during the latter half of the fiscal year shall be required to pay only fifty cents until the next October.

In case a member neglects to pay his dues before the first day of November, the Secretary shall notify such delinquent member, and unless the dues are paid within sixty days thereafter, his name shall be stricken from the roll; but he may be reinstated at any time by the Trustees upon the payment of all back dues.

II.—RULE OF ORDER.

All questions of order and parliamentary law shall be determined by the rules governing similar organizations.

III.—CONVENTION.

1. At the annual convention the President shall

appoint the following standing committees, consisting of three members each:

Credentials.
Finance.
Standing Rules.
Library and Cabinet.
Official Journal.

2. The order of business of the convention shall be as follows:

(a) Call to Order.
(b) Report of Committee on Credentials.
(c) Appointment of Standing Committtees.
(d) Roll Call.
(e) Reading of Minutes.
(f) Report of Committee on Rules.
(g) Communications.
(h) Reports of Officers.
(i) Reports of Committees.
(j) Unfinished Business.
(k) New Business.
(l) Election of Officers.

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IV.—EXCHANGE AND SALE DEPARTMENT.

The Superintendent shall conduct the exchange and sale business of the Association under the following rules and regulations:

(a) Packages for the transportation of coins, etc., will be furnished at actual cost to the members, who will send them to the Superintendent priced, and express paid.

(b) The Superintendent will put up packages in value from fifty to two hundred dollars, and start upon a circuit, express paid.

(c) Each member, in turn, will prepay express charges, taking a receipt therefor. Members will be allowed to retain each lot from three to six days, at the discretion of the Superintendent. A fine of ten cents per day will be imposed if held over time.

(d) Each member retaining anything from the lot will report and remit to the Superintendent the same day package is forwarded.

(e) Members will be held responsible for all lots lost or injured while in their care.

(f) Exchange lots will be sent only to members requesting them, and only when accompanied by the following guarantee:

Date.....*189*.....

For and in consideration of one dollar to us in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the further consideration that the Exchange Superintendent of the American Numismatic Association will send coins, medals, tokens and money

on approval to M....., of ....., County of ....., and State....., we do hereby guarantee to said Board of Trustees of said Association the prompt return and payment of such exchange lots as may come into the possession of said M ....., in accordance with the By-Laws of said Association, which the said M..... will from time to time receive on and after the date hereof, until notice in writing to said Board of Trustees, signed by us, of the withdrawal of this guarantee; and we further agree to pay said Board of Trustees all costs and expenses paid or incurred by them in endeavoring to obtain payment for articles retained by said M....., it being understood that our liability shall not, at any time, exceed two hundred dollars.

.....(Seal) .....Occupation.

.....(Seal) .....Occupation.

(g) The Superintendent will settle with each member when his sales amount to $5, or his lot is sold or returned.

(h) The Trustees shall decide all cases of misunderstanding that may arise in this department.

(i) Any deficit to the Superintendent shall be paid out of the general fund; any surplus shall be paid to the Treasurer.

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(j) The Exchange Superintendent may, under the direction of the Official Board, make such arrangements and rules, not already provided for, as will facilitate the exchange of coins, medals, etc., between members and branches of the Association.

(k) The Exchange Superintendent shall retain for his services 5 per cent. of proceeds of all exchange lots.

V.—EXPENSES.

No expense, except for postal or express charges, shall be allowed to any officer, unless same has been authorized.

VI.—LIBRARY.

Any member shall have the privilege of borrowing, and retaining for two weeks, any book or literature, subject to forwarding charges both ways. A fine of ten cents per week will be imposed for holding beyond the specified time. A failure to comply with this provision forfeits membership.

Members will be held responsible for all literature lost or injured while in their care.

VII.—OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Official Journal to make such provision for the publication of the proceedings of the Association as they may think advisable for the best interests of the Association.

VIII.—NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

Sixty days prior to the convention, the Trustees shall call for nomination of officers, which shall be published in the Official Journal.

IX.—EXPULSIONS.

Any member guilty of dishonest practices or improper conduct may be expelled by a majority vote of the Association.

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